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R 161542Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8242
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COMICEDEFOR KEFLAVIK IC
CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MARR, IC
SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF EC-121 AND AWACS

REF: (A) COMICEDEFOR 151435Z MAR 78; (B) REYKJAVIK 0367
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1. EC-121 ACCIDENT REPORTED REF A HAS RECEIVED MODERATE PRESS PLAY TO DATE. WITH FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE, INDEPENDENCE PARTY (IP)-AFFILIATED VISIR SCOOPED COMPETITION ON REPORTING INCIDENT MARCH 15 AS IT DID IN REPORTING AWACS ARRIVAL (REF B). IP DAILY MORGUNBLADID HAD FULL INSIDE PAGE TREATMENT FOCUSING ON WORK OF FIRE STATION, AND PROGRESSIVE PARTY TIMINN HAD SMALL ITEM. BOTH RADIO AND TELEVISION HAD BRIEF MENTIONS OF THE INCIDENT AS WELL.

2. TELEVISION AND TIMINN REPORTING MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO AWACS ARRIVING LATER IN YEAR AS REPLACEMENT FOR RADAR AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN USE. VISIR MENTIONED AWACS IN ITS REPORTAGE OF YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT AND HAD ANOTHER ARTICLE ON NEW AIRCRAFT NOTING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF) PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT ACCORDING TO IDF
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, INCREASE WOULD BE KEPT TO MINIMUM.

3. FAR LEFT THJODVILJINN, IN SHORT COMMENTARY, CRITICIZES AWACS DEPLOYMENT NOTING THAT IT IS EVIDENCE OF MORE PERMANENT STATIONING OF MILITARY FORCES IN ICELAND RIGHT BEFORE ELECTIONS. PAPER SAYS

THAT INCREASE IN PERSONNEL IS CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS
ASSURANCES BY FONMIN AGUSTSSON, AND THAT NEW AIRCRAFT
MAKE ICELAND MORE INVITING TARGET FOR ATTACK.
THJODVILJINN CONCLUDES SAYING THAT THIS IS FURTHER
EVIDENCE THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE STATIONED AT THE
BASE AT KEFLAVIK.
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